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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS (FINALLY) REPLIED TO TWO OF OUR REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE TO PUBLISH CORRESPONDENCE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS. THEY HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND GIVEN CLEARANCE TO PUBLISH THE TEXTS OF TWO NOTES FROM THE KING ABD AL AZIZ TO THE AMERICAN MINISTER IN JIDDA (REF C). REGRETTABLY, AS WE WERE INFORMED BY REF A, THE 1948 VOLUME HAS ALREADY GONE TO PRESS WITHOUT THE INCLUSION OF THESE INTERESTING DOCUMENTS.

2. EQUALLY REGRETTABLY, THE MINISTRY HAS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY AND REQUESTED THAT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT PUBLISH THE MATERIAL FORWARDED BY REF D; THAT IS, THE TEXTS OF TWO NOTES FROM CHILDS TO YASSIN BOTH DATED JUNE 23, 1949 AND THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE FROM CHILDS TO THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM GIVEN HIM BY FOUAD HAMZA.

3. THE SAUDIS ARE EXTREMELY SLOW IN RESPONDING TO OUR REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE TO PUBLISH. THE REASONS SEEMS TO BE THAT THE DECISION GIVE OR WITHHOLD CLEARANCE IS TAKEN AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL AND ONLY AFTER ANY MINISTRY
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WITH A POSSIBLE INTEREST HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

COMMENT. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SAUDIS DO CARE ABOUT WHAT IS PUBLISHED; WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT REFERENCES TO SAUDI ARABIA IN RECENTLY PUBLISHED VOLUMES WHICH WE DID NOT CLEAR WITH THE SAG. THE ONLY ANSWER, THEREFORE, SEEMS TO BE TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO PUBLISH AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF THE PROJECTED PUBLICATION DATE.
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